

# **EXHIBIT 17**

Know all Men by these Presents,  
 THAT *J. James Piersall*

For and in consideration of the sum of *Two hundred & fifty* Dollars, and *no* Cents, to *me* in hand paid by the SUNBURY AND ERIE RAIL ROAD COMPANY, at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed; and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, their successors and assigns, for the uses and purposes of said Rail Road, and the construction of works connected therewith, a strip of land *four* rods in width, and about *one hundred & twenty seven* rods in length, and extending across my land in *Shippen* Township, *McReam* County, on which the said Company have located their Road. *on each side center line*

**To have and to hold,** the said strip of land above mentioned, or intended so to be, to the said Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, their successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, their successors and assigns forever.

And *I* do hereby for *myself my* heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release to said Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, their successors or assigns, all claims for, or right to damages, which may have resulted or accrued, or which can result or accrue to *me my* heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, for or by reason of the appropriation and occupancy of the said strip of land by the said Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, their successors or assigns, for the use of said Road. The said Company agreeing to build the fences on both sides of the road.

**In Witness Whereof,** *I* have hereunto set *my* hand and seal the *third* day of *September* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *fifty nine*

WITNESSES PRESENT.

*James J. Piersall*

RECEIVED the date of the above Indenture, of CLINTON LLOYD, Attorney of S. & E. R. R. Co., his *check* Draft on Treasurer of said Company at *Twenty* days after date on *Bank* for *Two hundred & fifty* Dollars and *no* cents, which if accepted and paid at maturity shall be in full satisfaction of above consideration.

\$ 250.00

*James J. Piersall*

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127  
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